



North Dakota Northcentral Public Fishing Waters

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The following includes all public fishing waters, listed alphabetically by county name for Northcentral ND. Each listing includes travel directions, most common species present, and fishing piers (listed if present). Larger systems have inset maps to give better detail for boating access locations of that system. Each location listing includes travel directions, facilities present, and managing authority. All sites have a boat ramp, courtesy dock and restrooms unless otherwise noted. Most of North Dakota public fishing waters have a boat ramp (concrete and/or metal). If a boat ramp is lacking at a specific water body, it is listed as 'no ramp'. [Hyperlinked Public Waters](#) open a PDF map that may include depth contours on a aerial photo background showing the surrounding area and facilities available.

Rivers and Lakes

Knife River: *In Dunn and Mercer counties (pike, walleye, catfish - no ramp).*

McClusky Canal: *Central part of state in McLean, Burleigh and Sheridan counties (walleye, smallmouth bass, perch - no ramp).*

Missouri River: *walleye, catfish, trout*

Garrison Dam Tailrace -- Directly below Garrison Dam with the campground located south of the fish hatchery. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed camping, security lights, trash receptacles -- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers).

UPA Site (Stanton) -- Just west of UPA Power Plant on ND Highway 200A near Stanton. (Paved access road, security lights, trash receptacles -- City of Stanton).

Washburn -- On the side of the Missouri River near Washburn, north of ND Highway 200A bridge. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, RV dump station, fishing pier -- Washburn City Park Board).

Sanger (Cross Ranch) -- Just east of Sanger townsite on west side of Missouri River. (Gravel access road, primitive camping, picnic shelter, trash receptacles -- ND Parks & Recreation).

Steckel Boat Landing (Wilton) -- 22 miles north of Bismarck on ND Highway 1804, or 5.5 miles west, 1 mile south, and 1.5 miles west of junction of U.S. Highway 83 and ND Highway 36. (Paved access road, primitive camping, picnic shelter, trash receptacles -- Burleigh County Park Board).

Hoge Landing -- On east side of the Missouri River near Bismarck, 6.4 miles north of I-94 bridge on River Road, then .7 miles west and 1.5 miles south/southwest. (Gravel access road, no courtesy docks, picnic shelter, trash receptacles -- Bismarck Parks & Recreation).

Kniefel Landing -- On east side of the Missouri River near Bismarck, 3 miles north of I-94 bridge on River Road, then 1 mile west. (Paved access road, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession -- Burleigh County Park Board).

Grant Marsh Bridge -- On the east side of the Missouri River near Bismarck, south side of the I-94 bridge on River Road. (Paved access road, security lights, trash receptacles -- Bismarck Parks & Recreation).

Fox Island Park -- From Washington Street, .75 miles west on Riverwood Drive (1 block south of Expressway), 1.5 miles south and .5 miles west. Heavy pleasure boat use in summer. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, security lights, trash receptacles -- Bismarck Parks & Recreation).

Little Heart Bottoms (Schmidt) -- 11 miles south of Mandan on ND Highway 1806, then 1 mile north. (Paved access road, trash receptacles -- Morton County Park Board).

Kimball Bottoms (Desert) -- 8 miles south of Bismarck on ND Highway 1804, then 2 miles south. (Paved access road, primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles -- Burleigh County Park Board).

Rivers and Lakes

Missouri River: *walleye, catfish, trout*

Graner Bottoms (Sugar Loaf) -- 19 miles south of Mandan on ND Highway 1806, then 1 mile east, or about 3 miles north of Huff. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, RV dump station -- Morton County Park Board).

Lake Sakakawea: *walleye, salmon, pike*

American Legion Park (Raums) -- (Ramp usable when elevation is 1848 or higher) 4 miles west of Williston on U.S. Highway 2, 6 miles south on U.S. Highway 85, then 4 miles east. (Gravel access road, no courtesy docks, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles -- American Legion Post 37).

Lewis And Clark State Park -- 16 miles east of Williston on ND Highway 1804, then 3 miles south. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, lodging, access fee, telephone, RV dump station -- ND Parks & Recreation).

Whitetail Bay (Lund's Landing) -- 22 miles east of Williston on ND Highway 1804. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, lodging, boat rental -- Williams County Park Board).

Tobacco Garden Creek Bay -- 2 miles east of Watford City on ND Highway 23, then 25 miles north and east on ND Highway 1806. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, lodging, RV dump station -- McKenzie County Park Board).

Little Beaver Bay -- 32 miles northwest of New Town on ND Highway 1804, then 3 miles south. (Gravel access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles -- Williams County Park Board).

White Earth Bay -- 28 miles northwest of New Town on ND Highway 1804, then 2 miles south, 1 mile east, 3 miles south, 3 miles east. (Gravel access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, telephone, RV dump station, fishing pier -- Mountrail County Park Board).

Sanish Bay (Aftem) -- 1 mile north, 2 miles west of New Town. (Gravel access road, no restrooms -- New Town Park Board/Aftem Development).

New Town Marina -- 2 miles west of New Town on ND Highway 23. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, telephone, RV dump station -- New Town Marina Association).

Four Bears -- 4 miles west of New Town on ND Highway 23. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, lodging, telephone, RV dump station -- Three Affiliated Tribes).

Pouch Point -- 7 miles south, 2 miles east, 2 miles south, 1 mile east, 3 miles south of New Town. (Paved access road, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession -- Three Affiliated Tribes).

Littlefield Bay -- 5 miles south, 2 miles east of New Town. (Gravel access road, no restrooms, no courtesy docks, primitive camping -- ND Game & Fish Dept.).

Van Hook -- 5 miles east of New Town on ND Highway 23, then 2 miles south. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, telephone, RV dump station -- Mountrail County Park Board).

Parshall Bay -- 3 miles west, 1 mile south, 3 miles west, 1 mile south, 2 miles west of Parshall. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, boat rental, telephone, RV dump station, fishing pier -- Mountrail County Park Board).

Skunk Bay -- 14 miles northeast of Mandaree. (Gravel access road, developed and primitive camping, concession, lodging -- Three Affiliated Tribes/Roads Maker, Inc.).

Deep Water Creek Bay -- 14 miles south of Parshall on ND Highway 37, then either 1 mile south to the corps ramp or 2.5 miles west and .5 miles south to the county ramp. (Gravel access road, primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles -- U.S. Army Corps of Eng/McLean County Park Board).

Rivers and Lakes

Lake Sakakawea: *walleye, salmon, pike*

Hale Marina -- 18 miles southeast of Mandaree. (Gravel access road, no restrooms, no courtesy docks -- Three Affiliated Tribes).

McKenzie Bay -- 22 miles southeast of Mandaree. (Gravel access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, lodging, telephone, RV dump station -- Watford City Park Board).

Little Missouri Bay -- 16 miles northeast of Dunn Center. (Gravel access road, security lights -- Dunn County).

Charging Eagle Bay -- 12 miles north of Halliday on ND Highway 8, then 10 miles west on BIA No. 22. (Gravel access road, no restrooms, fish cleaning facility, primitive camping, trash receptacles -- Three Affiliated Tribes).

Indian Hills Resort -- 11 miles west of White Shield on ND Highway 1804, then 3 miles south. (Gravel access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, lodging, boat rental, telephone, RV dump station -- ND Parks & Rec./Three Affiliated Tribes).

Beaver Creek Bay -- 12 miles north of Zap. (Paved access road, primitive camping, picnic shelter, trash receptacles -- Zap City Park Board).

Dakota Waters Resort -- 15 miles north of Beulah. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, lodging, boat rental, telephone, RV dump station -- Dakota Waters Resort).

Beulah Bay -- 17 miles north of Beulah. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, lodging, telephone, RV dump station -- Beulah City Park Board).

Douglas Creek Bay -- 5 miles south, 4 miles east of Emmet to corps ramp or 2 miles south, 1 mile east, 1 mile south of Emmet to county ramp. (Gravel access road, primitive camping, trash receptacles -- U.S. Army Corps of Eng/McLean County Park Board).

Camp of the Cross -- 4 miles west, 1.5 miles south, 1 mile west, 1 mile south, 1 mile west, .5 miles south of Garrison (Gravel access road, no restrooms, primitive camping -- Camp of the Cross).

Hazen Bay -- 14 miles north of Hazen. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, lodging, telephone, RV dump station -- Hazen City Park Board).

Lake Sakakawea State Park -- Just east and north of Pick City. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, lodging, boat rental, access fee, telephone, RV dump station -- ND Parks & Recreation).

Garrison Creek -- 2 miles west of Garrison on ND Highway 37, 3 miles south, 1 mile east. (Gravel access road, no restrooms -- Garrison Cabin Association).

Fort Stevenson State Park -- 3 miles south of Garrison. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, lodging, boat rental, access fee, telephone, RV dump station -- ND Parks & Recreation).

Steinke Bay -- 3 miles west of the junction of ND Highway 37 and U.S. Highway 83, then 2 miles south. (Gravel access road, primitive camping -- ND Game & Fish Dept.).

Sportsmens Centennial Park -- 1 mile west of the junction of ND Highway 37 and U.S. Highway 83, then 2 miles south, 1 mile west. (Gravel access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, telephone -- McLean County Park Board).

West Totten Trail -- 7 miles north of Coleharbor on U.S. Highway 83, then .5 miles west, or 2 miles south of the junction of U.S. Highway 83 and ND Highway 37, then .5 miles west. (Gravel access road -- McLean County Park Board).

Wolf Creek -- 1 mile east of Riverdale on ND Highway 200, then 2 miles north, 1 mile east, 1 mile north, .5 miles east. (Gravel access road, fish cleaning facility, primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, RV dump station -- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers).

Rivers and Lakes

Lake Sakakawea: *walleye, salmon, pike*

Government Bay -- Just north of Riverdale. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, trash receptacles -- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers).

Souris River (Mouse River): *North central part of state (pike, walleye, perch - fishing pier).*

(5) Bottineau County

Boundary Lake (Bottineau County): *9 miles north, 11 miles east, 2.5 miles north of Bottineau (perch - no ramp).*

Carbury Dam (Bottineau County): *1 mile south, 1 mile west of Carbury (pike, perch - fishing pier).*

Long Lake (Bottineau County): *8 miles north, 7 miles east, 1 mile south, 1 mile east, .5 miles south, .3 miles east of Bottineau (pike, walleye, perch).*

Loon Lake (Bottineau County): *9 miles north, 4 miles east, 2 miles south, 2 miles east, .5 miles north of Bottineau (perch - no ramp).*

Lake Metigoshe (Bottineau County): *9 miles north, 4 miles east, 1 mile north of Bottineau (bluegill, pike, walleye - fishing pier).*

Pelican Lake (Bottineau County): *9 miles north, 8 miles east, .5 miles southwest of Bottineau (pike, perch).*

Strawberry Lake (Bottineau County): *4 miles north, 2.5 miles east, .5 miles south of Carbury (trout - fishing pier).*

(8) Burleigh County

New Johns Lake (Burleigh County): *11.8 miles south, 3 miles east of Mercer (walleye, perch, smallmouth bass - fishing pier).*

(25) McHenry County

Bentley Lake (McHenry County): *3 miles west of Drake (pike, perch - no ramp).*

Buffalo Lodge Lake (McHenry County): *1 mile east, 3 miles north, 2 miles east of Granville (pike, walleye, perch - fishing pier).*

Cottonwood Lake (McHenry County): *2.5 miles north of Butte (pike, perch - fishing pier).*

George Lake (McHenry County): *13 miles north, 1 miles east, 1.3 miles north, .5 miles east of the junction of U.S. Highway 52 and ND Highway 14 (pike, perch - fishing pier).*

Round Lake (McHenry County): *6 miles north, 4.5 miles east of Drake (perch, walleye, pike - no ramp).*

(28) McLean County

Lake Audubon (McLean County): *walleye, perch, smallmouth bass*

Totten Trail -- 6 miles north on US HWY 83, .2 miles east, .3 miles south of Coleharbor (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, RV dump station, fishing pier -- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers).

Three Mile Corn -- 8.3 miles north on US HWY 83, 3 miles east, 1 miles south of Coleharbor (Gravel access road, no restrooms, primitive camping -- McLean County Park Board).

Cabin Sites -- 8.3 miles north on US HWY 83, 5.8 miles east, .8 miles south of Coleharbor (Gravel access road -- McLean County Park Board).

North Arm -- 8.3 miles north on US HWY 83, 7 miles east of Coleharbor (Paved access road, no restrooms -- McLean County Park Board).

Lane Ramp -- 8.3 miles north on US HWY 83, 7.7 miles east, 1.5 miles south, 1 mile west of Coleharbor (Gravel access road, no restrooms, no courtesy docks, primitive camping -- ND Game & Fish).

(28) McLean County

Lake Audubon (McLean County): *walleye, perch, smallmouth bass*

Turtle Lake Ramp -- 8.3 miles north on US HWY 83, 7.7 miles east, 2.2 miles south of Coleharbor (Gravel access road, no restrooms, no courtesy docks, primitive camping -- ND Game & Fish).

Refuge-East -- No Public Boating Access Gravel access road, no restrooms, no courtesy docks -- Audubon NWR).

Nelson Bay -- No Public Boating Access Gravel access road, no restrooms, no courtesy docks -- Audubon NWR).

Refuge-West -- No Public Boating Access Gravel access road, no restrooms, no courtesy docks -- Audubon NWR).

Lake Brekken (McLean County): *1.5 miles north of Turtle Lake (walleye, perch - fishing pier).*

Brush Lake (McLean County): *3 miles north of Mercer (pike, perch, walleye - fishing pier).*

Camp Lake (McLean County): *17.5 miles north, 2 miles east of Turtle Lake (pike, perch - no ramp).*

Camp Loop Pond (McLean County): *3 miles southwest of Riverdale on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' downstream campground (trout - no ramp).*

Crooked Lake (McLean County): *10 miles north, .2 miles east, .1 mile south of Turtle Lake (pike, walleye, perch - fishing pier).*

Custer Mine (McLean County): *4 miles east, 2 miles south of Garrison (trout, bluegill).*

East Park Lake (McLean County): *9 miles south of Mercer (walleye, perch, smallmouth bass - fishing pier).*

Lake Holmes (McLean County): *1 mile northeast of Turtle Lake (walleye, perch).*

Lightning Lake (McLean County): *.5 miles east of Turtle Lake (trout, bluegill - fishing pier).*

Long Lake (McLean County): *13 miles north, 4 miles east, 2 miles north, 1.5 miles west of Turtle Lake (pike, perch).*

Painted Woods Creek (McLean County): *5 miles southeast of Washburn (pike, walleye - no ramp).*

Pelican Lake (McLean County): *7 miles north, 3 miles east, .4 miles north of Mercer (perch, pike - no ramp).*

Riverdale City Pond (McLean County): *North side of Riverdale (trout, bluegill, largemouth bass - no ramp, fishing pier).*

Strawberry Lake (McLean County): *17.5 miles north, 2 miles east of Turtle Lake (pike, perch, walleye - fishing pier).*

Triangle Y Pond (McLean County): *4 miles west, 1.5 miles south, 1 mile west, 1 mile south, 1 mile west, .5 miles south of Garrison (perch, bluegill - no ramp, fishing pier).*

Turtle Lake (McLean County): *4.5 miles west, 1 mile north of Turtle Lake (pike - no ramp).*

Weishaar WPA (McLean County): *8 miles north, 8 miles west, 1 mile north of Turtle Lake (perch - no ramp).*

West Park Lake (McLean County): *9 miles south, 2 miles west of Mercer (walleye, perch, smallmouth bass - no ramp).*

(29) Mercer County

Beulah Mine Pond (Mercer County): *2 miles north, 2.5 miles east, .5 miles north of Beulah (perch - no ramp).*

Harmony Lake (Mercer County): *6 miles north, 1 mile west of Hazen (bluegill, trout, largemouth bass - fishing pier).*

(33) Oliver County

East Arroda Dam (Oliver County): *1 mile east of Fort Clark - ND Highway 200A (pike, crappie).*

Nelson Lake (Oliver County): *5 miles east, 3 miles south of Center (bluegill, crappie, largemouth bass - fishing pier).*

Oliver County Sportsmen's Pond (Oliver County): *4 miles south, .5 miles west of Center (trout - no ramp).*

(33) Oliver County

West Arroda Dam (Oliver County): 1 mile east of Fort Clark ND Highway 200A (pike, crappie).

(35) Pierce County

Antelope Lake (Pierce County): 9 miles east, 3 miles north, 1 mile west, 2 miles north of Anamoose (walleye, perch - no ramp).

Balta Dam (Pierce County): .5 miles south of Balta (pike, perch).

Clear Lake (Pierce County): 2.5 miles north of Martin (perch, walleye - no ramp).

Davis Lake (Pierce County): 2 miles west, 1.5 miles south of Balta (pike, perch).

Lesmeister Lake (Pierce County): 3.5 miles west, 2 miles south of the intersection of ND highways 3 and 19 (walleye - no ramp).

(38) Renville County

Glenburn Pond (Renville County): North side of Glenburn (trout, bluegill - no ramp).

(40) Rolette County

Lake Udall (Rolette County): Through the International Peace Gardens, 13 miles north of Dunseith (trout - no ramp).

(42) Sheridan County

Bender Lake (Sheridan County): .5 miles south, 4 miles west, .5 miles south of Martin (perch - no ramp).

Cherry Lake (Sheridan County): 7 miles north, 3 miles east, 2 miles north, 1 mile west of Mercer (perch - no ramp).

Coal Mine Lake (Sheridan County): 14 miles south, 5 miles east of Anamoose (pike, perch - fishing pier).

Davis WPA (Sheridan County): 8 miles south, 1 mile east of Denhoff (perch - no ramp).

Heckers Lake (Sheridan County): 9 miles south, 2.4 miles east of Mercer (walleye, perch, smallmouth bass - no ramp).

Kaibel Lake (Sheridan County): 10.2 miles south of Drake (perch - no ramp).

Mud Lake (Sheridan County): 4.5 miles south of Anamoose (perch - no ramp).

North (Hoffer) McClusky (Sheridan County): 2 miles north, 1 mile west of McClusky (pike, perch - no ramp).

Lake Richard (Sheridan County): 4.5 miles south of Drake (perch - no ramp).

Sheyenne Lake (Sheridan County): 10 miles south, 1 mile east, 1 mile south of Anamoose (pike, perch - no ramp).

South (Hoffer) McClusky (Sheridan County): 2 miles north, 1 mile west of McClusky (pike, walleye, perch - fishing pier).

Stober Lake (Sheridan County): 4 miles west, 1 mile north of Goodrich (perch - no ramp).

Vollrath Lake (Sheridan County): 5.5 miles north 1 mile east, 1 mile south of Goodrich (perch - no ramp).

Wolf Lake (Sheridan County): .5 miles south, 1.5 miles west of Martin (perch, pike - no ramp).

(51) Ward County

Hiddenwood Lake (Ward County): 8 miles south of Makoti (pike, walleye, perch - fishing pier).

Makoti Lake (Ward County): 6 miles south of Makoti (pike, perch).

North Carlson Lake (Ward County): 10 miles east of Ryder (pike, perch).

Rice Lake (Ward County): 4 miles north, 7 miles east, 2 miles north of Ryder (pike, perch, walleye).

(51) Ward County

South Carlson Lake (Ward County): *10 miles east of Ryder (pike, perch - fishing pier).*

State Fair Pond (Ward County): *North end of state fair grounds (trout, bluegill - no ramp, fishing pier).*

Velva Sportsmen's Pond (Ward County): *7 miles south, 1.5 miles west, 1 mile south, .5 miles west of Velva (trout).*

(52) Wells County

Hurd Lake (Wells County): *2 miles west, 3 miles south of Hurdsfield (perch - no ramp).*